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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on March 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472

Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)

Rep. Adam Hertz (R)

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Rep. James O'Hara (R)

Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)

Rep. Zac Perry (D)

Rep. Alan Redfield (R)

Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)

Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)

Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)

Rep. Nate McConnell (D)

Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary

Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 154, 3/13/2017; HB 585, 3/13/2017

HEARING ON HB 585

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:18	Rep. Austin Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 585, Provide for
	loans to an owner of a coal-fired generating unit.

00:01:37 Vice Chair Skees, Rep. Custer & Rep. Stewart-Peregoy joins the meeting Rep. Olsen & Rep. C. Knudsen left the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:37	Jon Metropoulos, Talen Montana
00:09:16	Jess LaBuff, Boiler Makers Local #11

Opponents' Testimony:

00:10:02 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

Informational Testimony:

00:13:57 David Ewer, Montana Board of Investments

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:16	Rep. Redfield
00:15:06	David Ewer, Montana Board of Investments
00:16:17	Rep. Redfield
00:16:50	Jon Metropoulos, Talen Montana
00:17:31	Chair Zolnikov
00:17:59	Vice Chair Skees
00:18:28	John Metropoulos, Talen Montana
00:19:23	Vice Chair Skees
00:19:50	Anne Hedges, MEIC
00:21:20	Chair Zolnikov
00:22:41	Anne Hedges, MEIC
00:23:15	Chair Zolnikov
00:23:49	Anne Hedges, MEIC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:28	Rep. /	4. K	lnudsen

00:25:00 Chair Zolnikov relinquishes the Chair to Rep. Perry

HEARING ON SB 154

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:11 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 154, Revise net metering incentives

EXHIBIT(feh57a01)

EXHIBIT(feh57a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:31:07 Gary Forrester, Montana Dakota Utility Resources (MDUResources)

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Opponents' Testimony:

00:32:54	Andrew Valainis, Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA)
00:35:34	Brian Fadie, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)
00:38:27	Tucker Finley, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPirg)
00:39:16	Ella Smith, Northern Plain Resource Council (NPRC)
00:41:21	Denny Haywood, Self
00:42:50	Laura Andersen, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:11	Vice Chair Skees
00:44:57	Brian Fadie, MEIC
00:46:25	Vice Chair Skees
00:47:13	Ella Smith, NPRC
00:47:47	Rep. Bishop
00:48:46	Andrew Valainis, MREA
00:50:06	Rep. Redfield
00:50:22	Andrew Valainis, MREA
00:50:46	Rep. Redfield
00:51:09	Andrew Valainis, MREA
00:52:09	Vice Chair Skees
00:52:47	Laura Andersen, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:45 Sen. Lang

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:01:25	
	Sydney Kessel, Secretary
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Additional Documents:	

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